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Truck Convoy Incident in Berlin; Unification of Germany

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During a conversation with Mr. Robertson on several matters following the break-up of the morning session with the Canadians, I told him that I had wanted the opportunity of telling him the details of the truck convoy incident last Friday in Berlin, which I did at length on a factual basis. I concluded, however, with the statement that we thought this incident was probably a prelude to the virtual certainty that we would be faced with increasing sharpness, leading ultimately in all likelihood to the materialization of Khrushchev's threat to turn over to the Soviet agents in Berlin.

He then, somewhat surprisingly, got launched into a long philosophical discussion of United States policy with respect to unification of Germany.

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